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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, US, IT

SUBJECT: CBS REQUEST TO FILM PHIPLEX 7-75

REFS: A. SECDEF 242319Z JAN 75 B. COMSIXTHFLT 272217Z JAN 75

1. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE DAO SHOULD DELIVER A LETTER TO THE MOD OFFICE OF ATTACHE RELATIONS INFORMING THEM THAT CBS FILM CREW WOULD BE FILMING THE JANUARY 31 EXERCISE AT MONTE ROMANO UNLESS THE MOD HAD OBJECTIONS. THS ROUTINE PROCEDURE WAS CARRIED OUT AT 11 A.M. LOCAL JAN 28. LETTER STATED THAT SECDEF HAD APPROVED FILMING. WE WILL PROMPTLY REPORT RESPONSE FROM MOD.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH CAVEATS EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTEL. A. GOI IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO GROWING MYTHOLOGY OF US PREPARATIONS ON ITALIAN SOIL FOR MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MIDDLE EAST. RECENT FRENCH TV COVERAGE OF EXERCISE IN SARDINIA PROVOKE A NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARY INTERPELLATIONS TO WHICH GOVERNMENT RESPONDED IN GENERAL TERMS OF LIMITATIONS PLACED ON U.S. PRESENCE IN ITALY TO CLEARLY NATO RELATED FUNCTIONS. WE BELIEVE THERE CAN BE SIMILAR REACTIONS TO CBS COVERAGE WHICH WOULD SERVE TO PRELONG SPECULATION ON U.S. PLANS
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FOR A MILITARY SOLUTION TO OIL PROBLEM, AND ALLEGED USE OF

ITALIAN GEOGRAPHY IN PREPARATION. WE REALIZE HOWEVER THAT TO REFUSE CBS COULD PROVIDE THE PRESS (INCLUDING THE ITALIAN) WITH BROADER GROUNDS FOR SPECULATION. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE EMBASSY CAN ONLY REITERATE NEED FOR CIRCUMSPECTION ON PART OF ALL CONCERNED.

3. SCENARIO PRESENTED IN REF B. APPEARS REASONABLE AND EMBASSY WILL CONFIRM DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY SOONEST COMPOSITION OF CREW (NAMES, NATIONALITIES, AND CBS OFFICE OF ORIGIN). SIMILAR INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED BY MOD OF FRENCH TV CREW IN EARLIER CASE. VOLPE

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